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STATE OF MONTANA

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

January 22, 1986

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
Crimson Hill Towing & Auto Salvage

Board of County Commissioners, County Courthouse, Thompson Falls
Dave Ohler, Sanitarian, County Courthouse, Thompson Falls
Claudia Warhurst & Rod Austin, Crimson Hill Towing & Auto Salvage, Star
Route 1, Box 195, Trout Creek
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena, MT
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT
Harold Chambers, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Claudia Warhurst & Rod Austin/dba/Crimson Hill Towing & Auto Salvage in Trout Creek, MT.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

Carol Fox

Carol Fox
Solid and Hazardous Waste Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division
Telephone (406) 444-2667

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Star Route 1, Box 195
Trout Creek, MT 59874

Potential Impacts on Physical Environment

(5) Aesthetics: The State Motor Vehicle Recycling & Disposal law and regulations require motor vehicle wrecking facilities to be shielded from public view. No junk vehicles may be visible from a point six feet above the centerline of any public road.

The applicant plans to shield a 1.9 acre wrecking yard on all four sides in accordance with the standards found in Rule 16.14.202 ARM with an attractive wooden fence at least ten feet high. The southeast fence height may need to be higher than ten feet to shield junk vehicles as viewed from Highway 200 headed NW. The boards of the east fence bordering Highway 200 will not be gapped; the fences on the other sides of the facility may be gapped as specified in Rule 16.14.202 ARM. With this fencing, junk vehicles within the facility will not be in public view.

The applicant plans to construct/decorate the east fence as a "frontier town" with simulated roofs and store fronts. Such a fence would be even more aesthetically pleasing than that required by the shielding requirements.

The facility would not be licensed until the proper shielding is completed. The aesthetic impact of a properly screened and maintained motor vehicle wrecking facility should not be significant.

Potential Impacts on Human Environment

(3) Local & State tax base and tax revenue

(6) Quantity of distribution of community and personal income

(8) Quantity and distribution of employment

Establishing and licensing this proposed facility should have a minor positive impact on the above criteria. Additional income and employment should result for at least the applicant. Wrecking facilities commonly support other business activities such as transportation, communication, advertising, construction, and vehicle parts and repair.

(10) Demands for government services

A minor increase in demand for governmental services may result from the proposal. As with any business, there may be additional need for such local services as law and fire protection, water, sewer, energy utilities and solid waste disposal facilities. A minor amount of time will be required of state and local junk vehicle program officials to conduct periodic inspections to assure that the facility is maintained and operated in compliance with state law. These impacts are not expected to be significant.

(13) Locally adopted environmental plans and goal(s)

The Sanders County Commissioners office has certified that local zoning ordinances do not prohibit this proposed land use at this location.



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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid & Hazardous Waste Bureau

Project or Application Claudia Warhurst & Rod Austin dba/Crimson Hill Towing & Auto Salvage

Description of Project Establishing and licensing a new motor vehicle wrecking facility
six miles northwest of Thompson Falls in Belknap.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites					X	

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

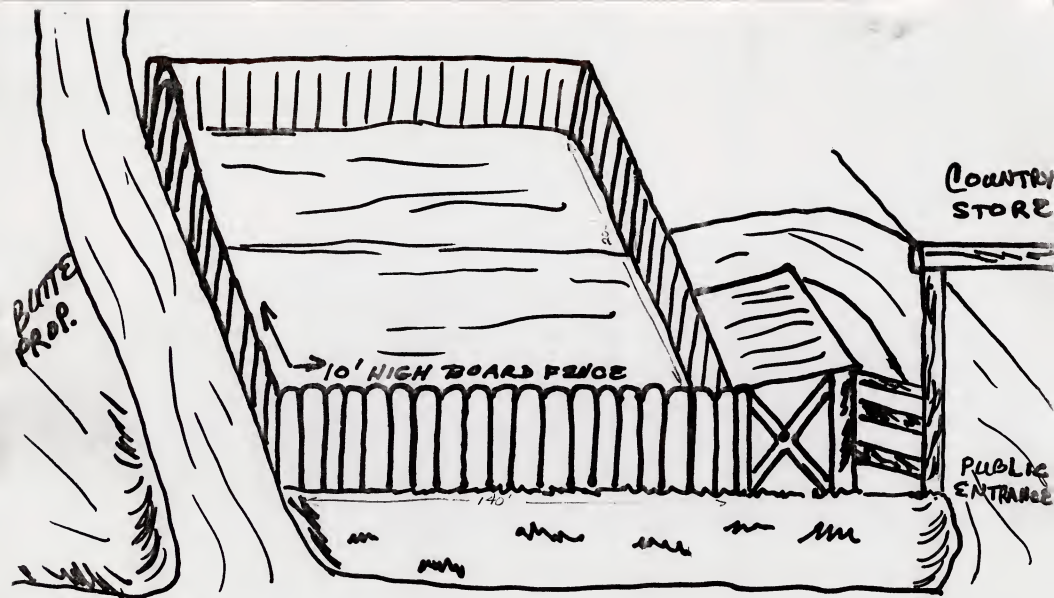
Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction _____

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Sanders County Commissioners

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not necessary

PER Prepared by: Carol Fox

Date: _____



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PROPOSED FENCING FOR CRIMSON HILL TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

M O T O R V E H I C L E W R E C K I N G F A C I L I T Y

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Room A201, Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620

- 1) Name of applicant: Claudia M. Warhurst, Rod Austin
- 2) Name of facility: Crimson Hill Towing & Auto Salvage
- 3) Address: Star Route 1, Box 195, Trout Creek, Mt. 59874
- 4) Size and legal description of facility: 1.9 Acres-All that part of the South-east Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE1/4NW1/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE1/4SW1/4) of Section 14, Township 22 North, Range 30 West, P.M.M., Described as follows:

SEE ATTACHED

- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:

Name: _____

Address: _____

- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.
- b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.

- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: Co Commissioner John Muster

OF: Sanders John Muster
(city or county)

- 8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: upon receipt of permit

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Claudia K. Warhurst Rod Austin PHONE: 327-4250

TITLE: Owner RECEIVED DATE: 11-7-85

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